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## <u>AMENDMENT</u>

Sir:

In response to the Office Communication dated September 30, 2002, the time for response to which has been extended by the accompanying petition for extension of time, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add Figure 1, which is enclosed herewith. Support for Figure 1 may be found in paragraph 23 of the specification, and therefore, Applicants submit that no new matter is entered with the addition of Figure 1. Please replace the former Figures 1 through 4 with the replacement Figures 2 through 5,

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